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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR \$1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached.

In accordance with 37 CFR \$1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the period set forth in 37 CFR \$1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final Action under 37 CFR \$1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR \$1.311.

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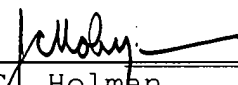
CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the first citation of any item(s) by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application was not made, in any communication from the foreign patent office, more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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